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09/21,937	12/22/1998	HITOSHI ONODA	862-2583	3759

TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SELECTING OBJECT OF FOCUS

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In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Timothy J. Henn
Hitoshi ONODA, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Appln. No.: 09/217,937	)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated April 20, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before July 20, 2006, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the April 20, 2006 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that: (a) whereas the Reasons refer to a "focusing device" and "focusing method", the claim preambles instead recite --an optical device-- and --a distance measuring point selection method--; (b) whereas the Reasons refer to a "grouping unit", Claims 16 and 28 instead recite a --grouping step--; and (c) whereas the Reasons refer to "divides

an image into a plurality of areas, groups the divided areas into object areas”, Claims 27 and 28 do not recite dividing and, instead of grouping the divided areas, recite --grouping the predetermined unit areas of the scene into object areas--.

Applicants’ undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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